

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Please replace the Abstract of the Invention with the following new Abstract:

--A backlight unit includes a housing which houses cold-cathode tubes therein and of which the inner surface is coated with a light reflector; a transparent liquid filled in the housing; and an optical made of a transparent substance and having a light-emitting surface. The reflective surface of the light reflector has a cross-section profile, on which the light emitted by the cold-cathode tubes is reflected, and the thus-reflected light is led to the light-emitting surface of the optical at an incident angle not smaller than the critical angle to the surface.--